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Councilmember Roger Berliner Montgomery County Council 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re: Transfer of Garrett Park Community Center

Dear Councilmember Berliner,

This letter follows up on our conversation at the Martin Luther King, Jr. observance at Strathmore on Monday. As I mentioned, the transfer of the Garrett Park Community Center from Montgomery County Parks (M-NCPPC) to the Town of Garrett Park was recently completed. Although this was a lengthy process, the Parks Department was patient and always willing to work with the Town toward a mutually-acceptable agreement leading to the transfer. I want to emphasize how much the Town appreciates the generosity of the Parks Department and the County, and the cooperation of all entities that facilitated this somewhat unconventional transaction. Director Bradford and the Parks Department staff were unfailingly helpful and responsive. The Town is especially grateful for the Parks Department's openness to innovative ways to solve the various issues that arose in the course of the enterprise.

Transfer of one Activity Building may not make a major impact on either the Department's budget or the County's finances, but every small step helps. The Town is pleased to bear witness to the success of this venture and the cooperation demonstrated by the Parks Department.

With warm regards,

Chris Keller

Chris Keller, Mayor